

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on February 5, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairwoman (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairwoman (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Michael More (R)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 324, HB 331, HB 361

Executive Action: HB 156, HB 230

00:00:00 Call to order

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 156

00:01:21 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 156 DO PASS.**

00:01:34 **Motion:** Rep. Stahl moved that **HB 156 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(loh27a01)

Discussion:

00:02:57 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division

00:04:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:04:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 156 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 15-3 by voice vote with Rep. More, Rep. Reichner, and Rep. Vance voting no.

00:05:25 Rep. Vance

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 321

00:05:52 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HB 321 DO PASS.**

00:06:23 Rep. Hands withdrew her motion without objection.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 269

00:06:28 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HB 269 DO PASS.**

00:06:48 Rep. Hands withdrew her motion without objection.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 230

00:06:53 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 230 DO PASS.**

00:07:27 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 230 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Reinhart voting no. Rep. Driscoll voted by proxy.
EXHIBIT(loh27a02)

00:09:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 230 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 14-4 by voice vote with Rep. Arntzen, Rep. More, Rep. Reichner, and Rep. Vance voting no. Rep. Driscoll voted by proxy.

00:09:59 Break
(Chairman Arntzen asked Vice Chairman MacLaren to serve as
temporary chairman.)
00:13:31 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 324

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:14 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on
HB 324, Optional firearm purchase by retiring law
enforcement personnel.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:06 Kevin Holland, Game Warden Association
00:22:32 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers
00:23:09 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive
00:24:30 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns
00:25:43 Pam Bucy, Montana Police Protective Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:28 Rep. Hands
00:26:53 Mr. Gilbert
00:27:09 Rep. Ingraham
00:27:37 Mr. Holland
00:27:51 Rep. Berry
00:28:12 Rep. Arntzen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:23 Rep. Arntzen

HEARING ON HB 331

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:30:01 Rep. Penny Morgan (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on
HB 331, Revise laws relating to licensed establishments
for health purposes.

EXHIBIT(loh27a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:11 Ellen Leahy, Association of Montana Public Health
Officials, Missoula City and County Health Department

00:43:22 Shannon Therriault, Missoula City County Health
Department

00:47:07 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

EXHIBIT(loh27a04)

00:47:57 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commission

00:48:36 Margaret Corcoran, Owner, Benny's Bistro

00:49:56 Deen Pompery, Central Montana Health District

00:50:54 Lea Jordan, Environmental Health, Ravalli County

00:53:13 Jane Smilie, Public Health and Human Services

EXHIBIT(loh27a05)

00:54:38 Barbara Schneeman, Riverstone Health, Yellowstone
County's Public Health Organization

EXHIBIT(loh27a06)

00:57:56 Ed Bartlett, Yellowstone County Commissioners

00:58:13 Mike Henderson, Montana Public Health Association,
Lewis and Clark County Health Department

Opponents' Testimony:

00:58:51 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association, Montana
Restaurant Association

01:03:53 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association

01:05:00 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers and
Convenience Store Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:20 Rep. Bennett

01:08:09 Ms. Smilie

01:08:37 Rep. Bennett

01:09:02 Ms. Smilie

01:09:22 Rep. Bennett

01:10:05 Ms. Smilie

01:10:40 Rep. Hamilton

01:10:56 Ms. Leahy

01:11:00 Rep. Hamilton

01:11:22 Ms. Leahy

01:11:54 Rep. Hamilton

01:11:59 Ms. Therriault

01:12:55 Rep. Ingraham

01:13:40 Ms. Smilie

01:13:53 Rep. Ingraham

01:13:58 Ms. Leahy

01:14:29 Rep. Hands
01:14:57 Rep. Morgan
01:15:23 Rep. Hands
01:15:55 Ms. Therriault
01:16:26 Rep. Hands
01:17:01 Mr. Griffin
01:17:21 Rep. Hands
01:18:15 Ms. Jordan
01:20:10 Rep. Hands
01:21:17 Rep. Morgan

EXHIBIT(loh27a07)

01:25:20 Rep. Ingraham
01:26:11 Mr. Griffin
01:26:20 Rep. Ingraham
01:26:29 Mr. Griffin
01:26:55 Rep. Reichner
01:27:27 Ms. Alexander
01:28:16 Rep. Reichner
01:28:46 Ms. Alexander

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:00 Rep. Morgan

01:32:30 Break
01:40:01 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 361

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:40:20 Rep. Brady Wiseman (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on
HB 361, Local energy improvement district financing.

EXHIBIT(loh27a08)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:53:35 Mike Volesky, Policy Advisor for Natural Resources,
Office of the Governor
01:54:29 Derek Brown, County Commissioner, Lewis and Clark
County
01:55:44 Andy Tocke, Helena, Montana
01:56:50 Anna Rosenberry, Finance Director, City of Bozeman
01:59:58 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commission
02:00:28 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association

EXHIBIT(loh27a09)

02:05:21 Robin Shropshire, Helena City Commissioner
02:06:38 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

02:08:06 Linda Gryczan, Alternative Energy Resources Association
02:10:27 Linda Saul, Helena, Montana
02:12:36 Carl Schweitzer, Montana Sub-Contractors

Opponents' Testimony:

02:16:57 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy
[EXHIBIT\(loh27a10\)](#)
02:21:16 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers (IBEW), Local 44
[EXHIBIT\(loh27a11\)](#)
02:23:35 Gary Wiens, Montana Local Cooperatives Association

Informational Testimony:

02:24:12 Michele Crepeau, Attorney, Montana Department of
Revenue
02:24:49 Tracy Lane, Department of Revenue, Property Assessment

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:25:23 Rep. Hands
02:25:46 Mr. Flynn
02:26:00 Rep. Hands
02:26:13 Mr. Flynn
02:26:28 Rep. Hands
02:26:43 Mr. Fitzpatrick
02:26:50 Rep. Hands
02:27:00 Mr. Fitzpatrick
02:27:19 Rep. Hands
02:27:26 Mr. Fitzpatrick
02:27:52 Rep. Hands
02:28:02 Mr. Fitzpatrick
02:28:27 Rep. Ingraham
02:29:07 Ms. Rosenberry
02:30:52 Rep. Ingraham
02:31:03 Ms. Rosenberry
02:32:00 Rep. Ingraham
02:32:47 Rep. Wiseman
02:33:59 Rep. Ingraham
02:34:35 Rep. Wiseman
02:35:54 Rep. Ingraham
02:36:00 Rep. More
02:37:07 Rep. Wiseman
02:37:11 Rep. More
02:37:49 Rep. Wiseman
02:39:47 Rep. Hands
02:40:38 Rep. Wiseman
02:42:10 Vice Chairman MacLaren

02:42:29 Rep. Wiseman

Closing by Sponsor:

02:45:13 Rep. Wiseman

Discussion of Scheduling Meetings:

02:46:15 Rep. MacLaren
02:46:33 Chairwoman Arntzen
02:47:09 Rep. Ebinger
02:48:31 Mr. Kolman
02:49:03 Chairwoman Arntzen
02:49:30 Rep. MacLaren
02:49:40 Rep. Hands
02:50:13 Rep. Becker
02:50:26 Rep. Vance
02:50:36 Chairwoman Arntzen
02:51:39 Rep. Menahan
02:52:00 Chairwoman Arntzen

ADJOURNMENT

02:52:30 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

Additional information on SB 34 requested by Rep. Menahan.

Additional information on HB 331.

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([loh27aad.pdf](#))